

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution.

Claims 1, 5-10 and 14-25 are pending in this application. Claims 16-25 are new. Claims 2-4 and 11-13 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1, 16 and 25 are independent. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include features of claim 2, which the Examiner has indicated contains allowable subject matter. New independent claim 16 includes the features of original claim 3, which the Examiner indicated contained allowable subject matter. New claim 25 is previous claim 14, which the Examiner indicated as allowable presented as an independent claim. Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 16 and 25 are allowable

The other claims are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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